

REMARKS

Applicant's representatives thank Examiner D. J. Collins for the helpful and courteous interview of February 26, 2008. A Statement of the Substance of the Interview has been filed herewith. As discussed during the interview, Applicant now cancels claims 34, 37, 40, 43, 46, and 48 to comply with the Office Actions dated December 22, 2006, and September 4, 2007.

Claims 34, 37, 40, 43, 46, and 48 are requested to be cancelled, without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application to pursue the deleted subject matter. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims 34, 37, 40, 43, 46, and 48 in a continuation application and to suggest therein interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,702,483.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-33 are now pending in this application. Applicant requests that the Office issue a Notice of Allowance to permit claims 1-33 to issue as a patent. Applicant refers to the Notice of Allowance dated July 28, 2006, and the associated Notice of Allowability listing claims 1-33 and Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

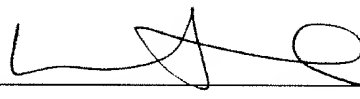
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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